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OUTCOME OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: DRAFT DECLARATION AND DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Letter dated 9 August 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Governments of Indonesia and of Australia, we have the honour to transmit herewith an abridged version of the report of the Asia-Pacific Seminar on Social Development, held in Bandung, Indonesia, from 25 to 28 July 1994, containing the recommendations of the Seminar. The Governments of Indonesia and of Australia jointly sponsored this regional seminar in order to facilitate the identification by Asian and Pacific countries of common perceptions with regard to the substance of the draft declaration and draft programme of action for the World Summit for Social Development.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Preparatory Committee of the World Summit for Social Development at its second session.

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Annex

I. REPORT OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC SEMINAR ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Background

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/92, The World Summit for Social Development will be convened in Copenhagen from 6-12 March 1995. A Preparatory Committee, open to all Member States of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, was established by the Assembly. At the first substantive session held in New York from 31 January-11 February 1994, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary General of the United Nations to prepare for its second session a draft on the expected outcome of the World Summit, which should consist of a Draft Declaration and a Draft of Programme of Action.

In conjunction with the preparation activities held by the Preparatory Committee, some regional meetings have also been planned in the effort of contributing inputs for the Draft Declaration and Draft Programme of Action. In order to facilitate the Asia and Pacific countries delegations to the Summit in identifying their common perception with regard to the substance of the Draft Declaration and Draft Programme of Action, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of Australia are jointly sponsoring a "Regional Seminar on Social Development" which was held in Bandung, Indonesia, on 25-28 July 1994.

2. Objectives of the Seminar

The purpose of the Seminar was to provide a forum for invited experts of government agencies and NGOs in the Asia-Pacific region and has four main objectives:

i). To establish a dialogue and exchange of views and experience among governments, international organizations, academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations, which could enrich the traditional and modern concepts associated with social development, in order to favour new views and work out alternative ways and means to solve the problem of poverty, unemployment and social integration.

ii). To allow an open discussion on issues which have a bearing on social development, under the current global and regional changes, at the regional level. It will underline the relevance of the situation and condition of the region for social development, especially in the field of poverty alleviation, expanding productive employment and social integration. It will contribute as well to the development of a modern conceptual framework, so that all those involved can

possibly converge in joint and orderly strategies aiming at solving the problems related to the three core issues.

iii). To identify specific regional perceptions and approaches in dealing with social development, especially in the effort of solving the problems of poverty, unemployment and social integration, based on the experience of the Asia-Pacific countries.

iv). To identify inputs for possible contributions of the Asia-Pacific countries toward the discussion of the three core issues within the framework of the Summit on Social Development.

B. ORGANIZATION OF THE SEMINAR

1. Attendance

The Seminar was attended by 43 experts from the following countries : Australia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Vanuatu, Vietnam and observers from ADB, ILO, UNICEF, WHO, UNDP and the Indonesian Demographic Institution.

2. Opening Session

At the opening session, the Governor of West Java in his written address welcomed all participants and expressed his appreciation and satisfaction that Bandung is honoured to host the important regional seminar on social development. He hoped that through the constructive discussions during the Seminar, several perceptions and approaches could be identified based on the experience on respective participant countries with a view to tackling the issues of poverty alleviation, expansion of productive employment and social integration. In this regard, the efforts of international community in dealing with social development could be further strengthened.

The Ambassador of Australia to Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Allan Taylor in his statement expressed that the Government of Australia was very pleased to join with the Government of Indonesia in organizing this regional seminar preparing for the World Summit on Social Development. In this regard, he stressed that the World Summit as being one way to pursue cooperation among countries and has the potential to capture and to capitalize on a move world-wide to revalue and redefine a good social policy. It also offers a chance for nations to learn from each other ways in which their peoples might be better off through governments and the international community embracing social policies that are both equitable and sustainable.

His Excellency Mr. Azwar Anas, Minister Coordinator for People's Welfare presented a statement welcoming the distinguished guests and participants and opened the Seminar officially. He stated that in the years to come the world will be confronted with serious global problems such as: the depletion of natural resources, the threat to environment and the increasing population, the spread of several pandemic diseases such as HIV/AIDS, natural disasters, poverty and unemployment. Therefore convening this Seminar which is attended by experts participants and observers, proved to be timely in facing and encountering this grave situation. He furthermore stressed the importance of issues which will be discussed by the Seminar namely poverty alleviation, the expansion of productive employment and social integration because of their relevance since the present problems of development focus on human beings and their efforts to achieve a decent life, prosperity, happiness and a secure life is a manifestation of social well being.

He further stated that the seminar was convened in preparation for the World Summit on Social Development and therefore should be regarded as part of continuing dialogue. The developed and developing countries must work hand in hand to ensure such a positive global climate, to promote cooperation in the endeavour to achieve economic growth and sustainable development, which is addressing to social welfare and justice. He also informed the seminar that ESCAP had requested all documentation as well as the report of this seminar be transmitted to ESCAP for review and possible reference in the ESCAP Commission's further preparatory activities for the World Summit.

Before concluding, he expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Government of Australia for co-sponsoring the seminar and to all participants and observers. He also extended his gratitude to UNDP for its support in preparing the next workshop.

3. Election of officers

The seminar elected Mr. Jitendra Prasad Mangal of Fiji and Mr. Andrew Podger of Australia as moderators and Mr. Joseph Yomba as rapporteur in the discussion on productive employment. The seminar also appointed Mr. Zheng Hang Sheng of China and Mr. Fasli Jalal of Indonesia as moderators and Mrs. Siti Adiprigandari AS of Indonesia as a rapporteur on the issues of poverty alleviation. As moderators in the discussion on Social Integration, the seminar appointed Mr. George Borugu of Vanuatu and Mr. Manuwoto of Indonesia, while the rapporteur was Mr. Russel Rollason of Australia.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The seminar adopted the substantive agenda as follows :

a. Poverty alleviation and recommendations.
b. Productive employment and recommendations.
c. Social integration and recommendations.

5. Adoption of the Report

The seminar adopted the report and recommendations.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PREAMBLE

Over the past decade, our world has witnessed dramatic changes. These provide us with a unique opportunity to refocus international development strategies towards a 'people centred' vision that targets poverty eradication and ensures effective popular participation in achieving sustainable human development.

The passing of the bi-polar world of the Cold War has allowed us to see with a new understanding the emerging global threats to human security. It provides a golden opportunity to direct increased national and international efforts and resources towards social goals beyond those of peace and national security.

New threats include global environmental degradation, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the growing international drug trade and related criminal networks and violence including refugees and displaced persons, and the increasing worldwide movement of people in search of work and survival. These are beyond the capacity of any one nation state to control and demand a coordinated global approach.

Nevertheless, policy responses in an increasingly interrelated global economy must recognise the specificity of social and development contexts existing in individual nations.

In taking this opportunity to address social development more rigorously, we are challenged to reemphasis the essential ethical human values that guide and direct international cooperation for development. We are seeking a new holistic approach to development requires acceptance for a far more comprehensive set of indicators for social development. Traditional indicators of economic development are not a sufficient measure of sustainable human development.

Social and economic development must be addressed together. Neither can be achieved in isolation from the other. Social values and goals must inform and direct the necessary ends and means of economic development. We consider that social policies can actively support the process of sustainable economic and social development, ensuring a fair distribution of the benefits of development while facilitating associated structural changes.

The Asia-Pacific region is characterised by:

- enormous diversity, not only in terms of culture but also in levels of development within and between nations, with some countries having experienced rapid economic growth.

- population comprising over 50% of the total number of people in the world and high population growth rate in some countries;

- relatively stable governments;

- high labour force growth rates, including for women and youth;

- increased participation in world affairs and integration with the global economy.

These characteristics will see the region emerge in the 21st century as the centre of much of the world's economic power and activity.

At the same time, the Asia-Pacific region is characterised by:

- substantial numbers of unemployed, underemployed and of people in poverty.

- enormous social problems and challenges arising from the remarkable scale and nature of economic adjustment including urbanisation, industrialisation and structural change.

The experience of nations in the Asia-Pacific region shows that economic growth and social development are interdependent. A number of countries in the region have achieved considerable success in social development including poverty alleviation and improved quality of life. Their experience is that economic growth is a prerequisite and foundation of social development but social development requires much more than economic development and should be seen as the goal and intended result of economic growth. Economic growth is therefore necessary for social development, but is far from sufficient.

Misdirected or unbalanced economic development can leave substantial inequalities with many people excluded from the benefits of growth and some suffering reduced quality of life from the impact of structural change.

We consider that social policies can actively support the process of sustainable economic development, ensuring a fair distribution of the benefits of development while facilitating associated structural changes. Such social policies require a holistic approach, taking into account cultural considerations; promoting social values which support the family and community and recognise the spirituality of people; ensuring a clear legal and administrative framework; recognising the role of technology as well as ensuring government commitment to social protection. Such an approach places people at the centre of development policies and recognises the importance of promoting development of the whole person.

B. ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Our experience in the Asia-Pacific region is that sustainable social development requires an appropriate enabling environment, particularly with regard to the political and economic environment.

An enabling social and political environment is characterised by:

- political stability and social harmony;
- rule of law with well defined legislative, administrative and judicial institutions;
- acceptance of fundamental human rights; and
- effective, accountable and transparent decision-making and administration.

To achieve sustainable social development, from our experience, we also recommend:

(1) Strong political leadership and commitment to sustainable human development;

(2) Widespread participation by people throughout each nation in setting the direction and implementation of the social development process;

(3) Appropriate decentralization and devolution to empower local communities and ensure responsiveness of governments to their needs and aspirations;

(4) Increased appropriate recognition of the role of the voluntary sector in enhancing popular participation in development, in partnership with government;

(5) Promotion and protection of human rights including in particular, the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action; and

(6) The principle of participation be mirrored at the international level, including within the United Nations system, ensuring that any executive groups have broad representation, and that the increasing application of international laws, regulations and standards are developed in full consultation.

The enabling economic environment at the national level requires as fundamental conditions:

- stable prices;
- balance of payments equilibrium;

- increased investment and in most countries, increased domestic savings; and
- increased levels of productivity (though not at the cost of increasing employment)

The experience of the successful Asia-Pacific economies suggests that high levels of sustained economic growth requires appropriate national and international policies with regard to trade, investment, economic reform and human resource development. The international community must strive for more effective means of transferring resources and increasing global economic growth through and related instruments.

We recommend:

(1) The promotion of the principles of free and fair trading between nations and, in particular:

- the extension of the recent Uruguay Round agreement to remove obstacles to access to world markets by developing countries; and
- the avoidance of new forms of protection such as the application of artificial regulation on labour standards;

(2) Seeking ways and means to reduce the debt burden of the developing countries;

(3) Increased investment in developing countries, including through greater international cooperation and appropriate national economic policies to ensure sustainable human development with a special attention devoted to the most heavily indebted and least developed countries;

(4) National economic reform policies to improve efficiency and growth, including land reform, reform of state enterprises and other market-related reforms;

(5) National investment in education and training, including universal basic education and continuous vocational and on the job training for those in employment;

(6) Developed countries accept the need for further structural adjustment in their economies to facilitate open international market.

C. POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Poverty is not simply an economic condition, but is a complex issues involving political, social and economic deprivation. There is need to look for better strategies in which social development in its totality is taken into account. Those strategies need to be directed towards improvement in the quality of life through an integrated approach to

human resource development which would encompass spiritual, social, cultural and political development.

Political will and commitment from government to alleviate poverty is a major determinant for sustainable human development. Government intervention can take the form of policies emphasizing not only economic growth but also equity in the distribution of the benefits of development to all levels of society. Hence, a broad based, people centred approach to development is needed.

A critical issue is the role of the state in the poverty alleviation process. Each society must make decision on the role of a range of stakeholder including government, the family, the local community, the voluntary sector and the private market. The market alone will not provide necessary basic services, and there is a need for direct involvement by government and non-government organizations. The family is central to support for individuals, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, and local communities can also lend essential support. The impact of economic development, including urbanization and industrialization, is however requiring government in developing countries to increase their direct role in poverty alleviation measures. There is a need therefore for constant review in each country of the appropriate role of governments, families, local communities and NGO's.

We therefore recommend that:

(1) A commitment to human resources development be at the center of all anti-poverty programs.

(2) Increased effort be given to identifying who and where the poor are as a first step toward establishing appropriate macro and micro strategies.

(3) The focus of policy must be the empowerment of marginalised and disadvantaged groups, in particular :

- women and children including single parents
- people with disabilities
- refugees
- isolated groups
- migrant workers
- indigenous people
- the aged
- youth

(4) Strategies for poverty alleviation include:

- the generation of productive employment;

- specific government funded and NGO anti-poverty programs, including training and financial support for micro-enterprises; and
- direct provision of social services to meet basic needs.

(5) National governments review the need for broader social protection policies as the impact of economic development increases, including through urbanisation and industrialisation, and as their financial capacity to support such policies increases;

(6) Developing countries nurture the mutual support that can be provided by the extended family unit even when separated by urbanisation and industrialization;

(7) Emphasis should be given to regional development, with appropriate decentralisation and devolution to ensure full participation by local communities. The Indonesian "Backward Village INPRES (Financial Assistance by virtue of Presidential Instruction) Programme" is a particular example which many other countries may find interesting;

(8) Marketing of social development, particularly among local politicians and leaders, to ensure the effectiveness of social development activities in a devolved environment;

(9) The role of NGO's in policy development and implementation should be improved and enhanced;

(10) The international community should ensure that its support for economic development is sensitive and responsive to national efforts to alleviate poverty;

(11) There should be international and national recognition that environmental degradation is often the result of inappropriate development management, and that environmental degradation effects most the poorest of the poor who may lose access to the very resources needed for their economic and social development. Industrialised nations must demonstrate their concern for the environment by being willing to pay prices consistent with the ecologically sustainable consumption of resources.

D. PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT

Unacceptably high levels of poverty, unemployment and underemployment remain a significant challenge for this region. It is recognised that a key to poverty alleviation is expansion of productive employment. The experience of this region has shown that this will require more than just economic growth.

Governments recognise that the formal sector is unable to expand sufficiently to accommodate the rapid growth in the labour force and migration to urban areas. Increased efforts must therefore be devoted to expanding opportunities for productive employment in the informal and rural sectors, with attention being focused on:

- an efficient and flexible allocation of resources;
- maximization of employment opportunities for all;
- equity and equality of opportunity recognising the increasing participation of women; and
- social safety nets to address the negative effects of structural change.

Labour should not be treated as a commodity in the process of economic development, but as an important actor in the development process. A broader approach encompassing human resource development and social justice is essential for the future expansion of employment opportunities in the formal, informal, and rural sectors;

We therefore recommend that:

(1) Measures to expand productive employment should focus on more than participation in formal sector employment, it must also include the informal, voluntary and domestic sectors.

(2) Productivity should not be pursued at the cost of increasing employment. In order to ensure labour absorption and avoid over concentration on physical capital and resource saving measures, an appropriate balance should be achieved within investment policies and the introduction of appropriate technology;

(3) National policies should promote access and equity across all sections of society with particular importance placed on providing access for disadvantaged groups;

(4) Measures should focus on the informal sector, micro-enterprises and the self-employed, to provide targeted assistance to increase access to credit and training in rural as well as urban areas;

(5) The role of agriculture in providing sources of employment must be considered within national policies to ensure labour absorption.

(6) Social protection measures are needed not only to protect the most disadvantaged but also alleviate the adverse impact of structural change and thus facilitate that change;

(7) Policies should be introduced to support particular groups in society at risk of employment marginalisation including: women; indigenous peoples; minorities;

migrant workers; workers displaced by structural change; isolated communities; and unemployed generally and youth unemployed in particular;

(8) Further reform to strengthen coordination at the international level between the Bretton Woods institutions (World Bank, IMF) and the various agencies of the UN system to ensure an integrated approach to economic and social development to limit the adverse impact of structural adjustment;

(9). Consideration to be given to the proposed 20/20 compact taking into account the conditions in least developed countries *);

(10) Further consideration be given to the development of indicators of social development, against which progress can be monitored, within and between countries.

E. SOCIAL INTEGRATION

In today's world, social integration is one of the key issues faced by all countries, irrespective of their stage of development. The future of humanity depends on our ability to live harmoniously together in the spirit of solidarity, responsibility and freedom, the values that form the moral foundation of all societies.

Social integration is a continuously evolving process that takes place at different levels - family, community, national and international.

At the national level, it is a process of nation building binding together the various regions and diverse peoples of a country into a coherent, functioning and interdependent whole, interacting with political, economic and cultural development.

Social integration seeks to create an atmosphere of harmonious relationship, mutual respect and appreciation with a view to enhancing the process of equitable allocation and distribution of all resources in society to all the people, regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, gender, age and socio-economic status.

Social integration does not seek uniformity, but aims to enable different groups to live together in productive and cooperative diversity. An integrated society should be able to accomodate differences within a framework of shared basic values and common interest, while promoting a pattern of development based on justice for all.

There is an urgent need to identify quantitative and qualitative indicators to enable the measurement of the process of social integration. A useful example is the concept of the " 8 channels to promote equity " in Indonesia which comprise the following:

i. equitable distribution of services and supplies of basic needs, especially, food, clothing and shelter;
ii. equitable distribution of educational opportunities and health services;
iii. equitable distribution of income;
iv. equitable opportunities to acquire employment;
v. equitable opportunities for the private sector in setting up an enterprise;
vi. equitable opportunities for youth and women in the national development process;
vii. equitable distribution of development benefits throughout the country;
viii. equitable judicial assistance and services.

In most countries during the early stages of development, government has taken the lead to set policies and plans for social integration. With expanding literacy and education, people's desire and capability to participate in and benefit from the development process increases, leading to the emergence of a "civil society". People's active participation in "civil society" further strengthens their sense of belonging and nationhood.

The value of promoting tolerance cannot be overemphasised. The government and community organisations have the responsibility to encourage a culture of tolerance in society through community education and preventive measures against all forms of discrimination and intolerance.

We therefore recommend that:

(1) Governments and societies be encouraged to adopt policies to promote respect for ethnic, racial, cultural and religious diversity, and allocate the resources for community education programmes in order to achieve this objective;

(2) Governments be urged to create space for the interaction of the institutions and networks of "civil society", including non-governmental organisations of many types, professional associations, trade unions, civic groups, self-help and community groups, cooperatives and informal groupings;

(3) Governments be further urged to adhere strongly to the rules of law and deliberate development of the various actors of the "civil society";

(4) Governments be encouraged to develop policies towards the strengthening of decentralisation, and promoting free interplay among the various groupings of "civil society";

(5) Governments be called on to use taxation and expenditure policies as a means of achieving a more equitable distribution of income and assets, and to implement effective and efficient systems of tax collection;

(6) Governments be called on to ratify and implement the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

(7) The active participation of women in decision making processes at all levels and equality of opportunity and equal pay for work of equal value in the work place be ensured;

(8) Governments and societies be urged to undertake positive measures to adequately prepare youth for involvement and participation in the increasingly competitive labour market;

(9) Governments and societies be further urged to intensify preventive measures against drug abuse among young people which steals their future and deprives society of potential leaders;

(10) Appropriate agencies and institutions be called on to give high priority to identifying and defining more appropriate, comprehensive, accurate and reliable indicators to measure and monitor the process of social integration.

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*) A 20/20 Compact would require all nations to pledge to ensure the provision of at least the very basic human development levels for all their people. It will require developing nations and aid donors to earmark a minimum of 20% of their budgets for human priority concerns. The 1994 UNDP Human Development Report proposes the following list of priorities for expenditure:

- Universal primary education - for girls as well as boys
- Adult illiteracy rates to be halved - with the female rate to be no higher than the male one
- Primary health care for all - with special stress on the immunization of children
- Severe malnutrition to be eliminated - with moderate malnutrition rates to be halved
- Access to voluntary family planning services for all
- Safe drinking water and sanitation for all
- Credit for all - to ensure self-employment opportunities.

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Letter dated 16 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that the attached document, containing the Stockholm Statement of the Roundtable on Change: Social Conflict or Harmony?, convened by the United Nations Development Programme study Programme in Saltsjöbaden, Stockholm, from 22 to 24 July 1994, be circulated as a document of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development at its second session.

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STOCKHOLM ROUNDTABLE ON CHANGE:
SOCIAL CONFLICT OR HARMONY?

Summary of issues and recommendations

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PREFACE

The United Nations Development Programme's Development Study Programme sponsors annual "roundtable" meetings at which experts in a variety of fields have an opportunity to exchange views on a particular development topic.

This year, the Study Programme and the Government of Sweden co-sponsored one of these roundtables in Saltsjöbaden, just outside of the Swedish capital of Stockholm. The issue presented to the experts at this roundtable was "Change: Social Conflict or Harmony?"

The point of the roundtable was to look at several of the major problems that are afflicting virtually every country today and to propose solutions. These problems include poverty, unemployment and social disintegration. These three problems will also be the focus of the World Summit for Social Development, which the United Nations will sponsor in Copenhagen in March 1995. Through this report, many of the recommendations made by the participants at the Stockholm Roundtable are being submitted to planners of the Copenhagen summit for discussion. This report includes a summary of the participants' recommendations and an analysis of some of the key issues (See Annex I for the roundtable's agenda).

Participants included top officials of United Nations agencies, senior government officials, development experts, journalists, social scientists, students and members of the business community (see Annex III for a list of participants).

SUMMARY

Despite many advances in human development over the past 50 years, a large unfinished agenda of human deprivation challenges humanity in the 21st century. Global poverty is worsening, unemployment is on the rise, and people are increasingly turning against their neighbors in brutal ethnic conflicts.

And with these problems come other social problems: crime, violence, disease, pollution, environmental destruction and the total breakdown of governments and institutions like the family.

Never before have people had so much knowledge and information at their disposal. But unfortunately, the international community has failed to fully use this knowledge to improve the human condition. Meanwhile, each day, another piece of the planet sinks into chaos, despair and desperation. And behind every failed state. there is a failed development process.

The international community must reverse this trend before any more societies collapse. We must make better use of our knowledge and other resources to tackle social problems before they occur and to fix the problems that have already erupted. Time is of the essence.

The United Nations is sponsoring a World Summit for Social Development, which will take place in Copenhagen in March 1995. There, delegates from all countries and major international institutions will join forces to formulate an urgently needed strategy for curing some of the world's major social ills.

To help the global community prepare for the summit, UNDP, in association with the Swedish International Development Agency, invited experts from all over the world to discuss in a Stockholm Roundtable from July 22 to July 24, 1994, the magnitude and causes of rising unemployment, worsening poverty and social decay. They were also asked to propose possible solutions to these problems.

A major cause of many of today's problems is underdevelopment. Observers in the 1970s agreed that to eradicate underdevelopment, the international community needed to promote economic growth and social reform.

But in the 1980s, development thinking changed. Many experts believed that economic growth should be a prerequisite for economic growth. After growth was under way, social progress would follow naturally. The results of this approach were devastating: many countries are worse off today than they were decades earlier, and social problems are intensifying.

There has been a renaissance in development thinking: there

is an increased recognition that development requires a balance between economic goals and social goals. Without this balance, long-term development cannot occur and progress in meeting social goals will never be sustained.

Poverty

More than 1 billion people live in absolute poverty, and most of the poor live in the developing world. Until recently, poverty was narrowly defined as low income. Today, it is more broadly defined to include factors such as social status, physical strength and power. Any strategy for eliminating poverty must therefore be based on this broader definition.

Governments and international organizations must both be involved in the fight against poverty. The list of necessary actions is long. For governments, the list includes a need to establish or strengthen social safety nets, basic education, especially for women, easier access to health care, and justice systems that benefit the poor as well as the rich. In particular, gender empowerment should be used as the vanguard in the fight against poverty. For the international community, the list includes innovative ways of raising resources, such as taxing international currency transactions to finance programs that will aid the poor, relieving countries' debt burdens, which have contributed to poverty, and establishing and enforcing global social standards for transnational corporations, which have become important players in the international development arena.

Unemployment

The ranks of the unemployed are growing in most parts of the world. And the nature of the workforce is changing rapidly, with more and more women entering the job market and with people moving to cities to look for work.

Causes of unemployment include misguided government policies that have discouraged the generation of jobs, heavy national debt burdens that have fueled inflation and resulted in recession, and limited growth in the industrial countries.

Preventing or reducing poverty and social disintegration requires determined national efforts and concerted international efforts to achieve full employment.

Governments must create an "enabling environment" for job growth and the growth of other income-earning opportunities. They must also take steps to fully use their human resources in a way that ensures macroeconomic stability.

The international community must dismantle protectionist trade policies that impede economic growth in developing countries, reduce the debt burdens of the poorest countries, and commit the industrial countries to guarantee a minimum overall growth rate of between 3 percent and 3.5 percent.

Social Integration

The social fabric of rich and poor countries is weakening. As a result, some nation-states are disintegrating. Ethnic, religious and cultural rivalries are tearing countries apart. The causes--and the effects--of global social disintegration include discrimination against minorities, the low status of women, poorly educated populations, drug addiction, crime, juvenile delinquency and diseases such as AIDS.

Widespread slow economic growth, declines in incomes and living standards, and mounting unemployment have contributed to social disintegration. Progress toward social harmony can only be achieved through extensive socio-economic and political reforms.

The necessary reforms are numerous, complex and may be difficult to implement. These reforms might include government policies that promote tolerance and solidarity, educational reforms to stimulate values of acceptance and togetherness, and international support for change.

Human Security

When the United Nations was established in 1945, its charter stated that international peace could be achieved only if human security could be guaranteed for everyone. "Human security" refers not only to protection from international enemies, but even more to protection from unemployment, poverty, crime and disease.

One way to develop human security is through sustainable human development. This type of development is people-centered. It generates economic growth but distributes its benefits equitably. It regenerates the environment instead of destroying it. It empowers people rather than marginalizing them. And it gives priority to the poor, enlarging their choices and opportunities.

Governments and international organizations must work together to forge global human security. To reach this goal, governments should establish goals for reducing poverty and reduce mindless investments in weapons and increase judicious investments in people. The international community must renew

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its commitment to the original human-security-building goals of the United Nations, rethink structural adjustment programs so they do not hurt the poor, and set up an early-warning system to identify areas where human security is at risk.

Governance

Governments have an important role to play in promoting employment, eliminating poverty and making societies more cohesive.

Part of that role involves encouraging people's participation in the decisions that affect their lives. When people feel that governments are responding to their needs, better, more stable, systems of governance can evolve. And these systems will be better equipped to face the challenge of generating economic growth and enabling a fairer distribution of wealth. Research has shown that countries that are performing the best are the ones that have assigned a priority to a liberal; investment in the education and health of their people.

The international community can help improve governance by reformulating aid policies so that they help meet long-term development objectives. Meeting these objectives means more attention to meeting "human development" objectives through better education, health, nutrition, basic water and sanitation and family planning.

INTRODUCTION

The pendulum of development thinking swings back and forth.

In the 1970s--and even earlier--many development experts agreed that economic growth alone could not help countries move forward. They believed a balance between economic growth and social progress was needed for development.

But then in the 1980s, development thinking shifted. Many believed that economic growth was a prerequisite for development. Economic growth would then enable countries to meet social objectives.

But now most development experts are returning to the beliefs of the 1970s. Development requires a balanced and integrated set of economic, financial and social policies.

The following section provides a more detailed look at this shift in development thinking.

Before the Shift in Thinking

Before the 1980s, the development community generally accepted the view that high rates of economic growth are necessary for achieving social goals like poverty reduction and the generation of jobs. But growth by itself is not enough.

Research has shown that high rates of economic growth were not solely responsible for East Asia's attainment of full employment in the early 1970s. Instead, government emphasis on the full use of the factors of production--especially labor--was the cornerstone of the region's high growth rate. Without development policies geared toward employment, the region would not have experienced 8 percent to 10 percent growth rates. The lesson drawn from East Asia is that the pattern of growth is just as important as the rate of growth.

The pattern of growth depends on governments' choices--choices about which economic sectors should receive support and which population groups should receive special attention. The pattern of growth also depends on the quality of human resources in a country, the degree of balance between regions, and the extent to which people have an opportunity to participate in the decisions that affect their future.

Experience taught the development community in the 1970s that economic growth is effective for achieving social objectives and tackling poverty, but this might take three to five generations. Such a long period would be humanly unacceptable and politically irresponsible.

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The 1980s

The lessons learned in the 1970s were all but forgotten in the 1980s. The global recession in the first part of the decade and the debt crisis that began in 1982 resulted in the return to an older development paradigm: first economic growth, then everything else will follow. The idea of a balanced and integrated set of economic, financial, and social policies evaporated. Gone was the idea that economic and social goals were one. Gone was the belief that attaining one goal without the other would lead to disaster. Development experts seemed to have forgotten that too much emphasis on social goals without sufficient attention to economic goals leads to bankruptcy. They also seemed to have forgotten that too much attention to economic goals without enough attention to social goals leads to unrest and an end to economic growth.

The results of the policies pursued during the 1980s can be seen everywhere. Employment has become a universal problem, unmanaged urban development has reduced standards of living, and education quality has deteriorated. Health services everywhere need restructuring, social security and pension funds (where they exist) are faltering, and economic migrants are coming in increasing numbers to many industrialized countries.

It is more appropriate than ever to say that "poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere."

The Challenge

The economic and social problems that emerged in the late 1980s and early 1990s present the development community with a new challenge and require a new development vision. This vision can be captured by the words, "put people first," or perhaps, "poor people first." The participants of the Stockholm Roundtable challenge the delegations who will come to the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen next year to have the foresight and courage to adopt these three words as an underlying theme for the summit.

Hundreds of millions of poor people are on a downward slide. And in many of our societies, the poor have been losing their voice. The grim daily realities of the countless poor are rarely seen by the rich and the powerful few. Among the rich, materialism and greed have supplanted the ethics of altruism, service and sacrifice.

"Put people first" would provide new direction for the development community and would help rekindle commitment to a fairer world. These three words should pave the way for the new

social agenda at the Copenhagen summit.

The future of political freedom is closely linked to economic prosperity and social progress. Today, the poverty of opportunity, as well as poverty itself, causes widespread suffering and discontent. Individual political freedom in the long run depends on the well-being of people. True economic development must therefore become a peace-building process to alleviate the present poverty of opportunity. Economic development should expand human capabilities, use people's energies and encourage individual initiative and innovation.

POVERTY

Participants at the roundtable held lengthy debates about five topics: poverty, unemployment, social disintegration, human security and governance.

About 40 participants joined each debate and made recommendations for addressing these issues (see Annex II for a list of the roundtable's "working groups").

In the debate on poverty, participants asked, "What are the patterns and nature of poverty and what are the political, economic, social and environmental impacts of poverty?" They also asked, "What could be learned from experience and what are the best means for alleviating poverty?"

The Nature of Poverty

More than 1 billion people live in absolute poverty. More than half of these people live in Asia, and about one-quarter of them live in sub-Saharan Africa.

Many live in fragile environments. Most live in rural areas, but the ranks of the urban poor are growing. Most of the poor are female.

Poverty is usually defined in terms of income. But this is only one dimension of poverty. The criterion for poverty should be broadened to include more than income. It should include social status, physical strength, and power. The poor are often socially inferior, isolated, weak, vulnerable to abuse, powerless and humiliated.

A key approach to reducing poverty and deprivation, then, is enabling the poor to freely express their needs. Part of that approach includes encouraging the rest of society to respect and support the poor's efforts to change their living conditions.

Enabling the poor to be better off in their own terms will require actions on many levels, from the micro to the macro. The reduction of poverty and deprivation must be sought through changes in national policies, through the tapping of new resources and through institutional, professional and other changes that will help reach the poor and improve their lives.

National Policies

The poor are everywhere, but mostly in the developing world. Global economic shocks, sudden environmental changes and other factors make the poor vulnerable to even worse poverty.

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Worsening poverty is reflected in sickness, disability, or loss of assets and livelihoods.

Governments must take a close look at how national policies affect the poor and devise ways to decrease the poor's vulnerability to worsening poverty.

Some forms of structural adjustment are necessary. But too often, structural adjustment has penalized the poor--especially women--in a variety of ways, including declining resources for education and health and the elimination of some subsidies. Governments should provide the poor with safety nets to cushion the shocks of economic transition.

National investments must empower the poor. This means investments that respond to the poor's own vision of their opportunities and their own analysis of their problems. Governments should turn the ownership of these investments over to the poor. This would help ensure that the poor's labor is more productive and would give them a greater chance to improve their own well-being in the long run.

National governance structures make it difficult for the poor to influence decisions that affect their lives. For example, national legal systems often discriminate against the poor because the poor are unfamiliar with their rights and lack access to legal support.

Global Accountability and Equity

Governments have the main power in promoting global accountability and equity. But we live in a world where governments are increasingly abdicating their power to the market, where transnational corporations act independently and where financial institutions are able to reap enormous profits from monetary transactions on an unprecedented scale.

This trend further impoverishes the poor. This trend must be reversed. International financial transactions and actions by transnational corporations--particulary when they affect the poor--must be made more transparent and accountable. If governments are unable to ensure accountability and equity at the global level, they must empower international institutions--such as the United Nations--to monitor actions and to take steps to protect the poor.

The poorer commodity-exporting countries of the world have been hurt by falling international prices, making it harder for their economies to grow and for them to repay debts. National indebtedness is a drain on national budgets and foreign-exchange reserves and a major cause of poverty. Multilateral debt poses a

special problem for countries because current rules prohibit reducing it or writing it off. Finding a solution to these global problems requires urgent research.

Recommendations

The following recommendations apply to both national and global policies.

* A new form of "social conditionality" is needed. This conditionality should be based not on donor edict but on a genuine dialogue between governments and citizens' groups in the South, the Bretton Woods institutions, aid donors, and UN agencies. The dialogue could result in taxing windfall winners from structural adjustment programs and owners of undeveloped land and in reducing military expenditures. The funds generated could be used to maintain and improve the poor's access to health, education, clean water and other social services.

* Safety nets should be an integral part of social policy.

* The poor must gain access to fair and effective justice systems, and regulations that penalize the poor should be abolished.

* Women's access to basic education, skills training, health care, nutrition services, family planning, and "productive resources" and markets should be expanded.

* Assets and security of tenure should be redistributed. This includes rural land reform and urban land security for the poor and fair and equal rights for women.

* Governments should decentralize many activities and introduce mechanisms to increase accountability to the poor. Governments should also strengthen structures of civil society to aid participation by the poor in national policy decisions.

* The international community should establish and enforce global environmental and social standards for transnational corporations.

* International currency transactions should be taxed (as Nobel prizewinner James Tobin proposed in UNDP's 1994 Human Development Report.

* Governments and multilateral creditors should relieve countries' debt burdens.

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Other Recommendations

Institutional, professional and personal changes are essential in achieving the goal of "putting poor people first." The following recommendations for change will help meet that goal.

* Institutional changes: Development organizations need a culture of participatory management if they are to successfully promote shared and fair development policies. Information must flow freely between all actors. To mount an effective attack on poverty, multilateral institutions need to reduce competition, increase collaboration and devote resources to areas where they have a comparative advantage.

* Professional changes: Putting poor people first requires an overhaul of professional ethics and actions. Development experts must learn from poor people and base actions on the special needs and circumstances of each community.

* Personal changes: Putting poor people first entails changes in individuals' values, behavior and attitudes. People who have traditionally been in positions of authority must become listeners and learners.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Another group participating in the roundtable looked into the issue of unemployment and sought solutions to this problem which has afflicted practically every country, rich and poor alike.

As the world's economies have grown increasingly interdependent, global unemployment has risen. Because of this interdependence, we need a global solution to the problem. Without concerted international action, unemployment and its attendant miseries are bound to persist and worsen. This prospect is intolerable.

Unemployment in the 1990s

The employment situation varies by region. In East and Southeast Asia, including China, output and employment have been growing dramatically. In South Asia, absolute poverty is on the decline, but the growth in employment has been precarious; much valuable work pays workers barely enough to survive. These regions have been relatively successful at boosting employment, but the success is fragile.

But for much of the rest of the world, having a productive, remunerative and reasonably secure job is only a dream. Societies that fail to offer the prospect of this type of job are bound to be socially unstable and economically insecure.

In the relatively rich nations that belong to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, economic growth has resumed. But jobs are growing more slowly than production. And even where unemployment has fallen (as in the United States), the new jobs pay less and are less secure than in previous periods.

Eastern Europe's rapid economic transformation has wiped out many jobs. Subsidies to cushion the impact of job losses require massive government spending, which contributes to inflation and makes the new poor even poorer.

In Latin America, the workforce is changing. The working-age population is increasing, more women are in the job market, and more and more people are moving to urban areas in search of work. Meanwhile, governments are cutting back on the public sector, resulting in fewer jobs. Most new jobs are found in the informal sector.

In the Middle East and North Africa, the population has been growing at a time when oil revenues have been shrinking. Reduced oil revenues mean that governments are no longer able to be

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employer of last resort, especia.ly for university graduates. This situation is resulting in instability that prevents governments from implementing economic reforms.

The unemployment crisis is fiercest in sub-Saharan Africa, where the population is growing at an unprecedented pace. More than half of all non-farm workers have found jobs in government. But governments in the region cannot afford to hire any more people or raise wages. And structural adjustment programs have failed to result in increased employment.

Employment and economic activity are on the rise in East and Southeast Asia. Here, the state sector is small, labor markets are only lightly regulated, and government policies favor private-sector employers. Manipulated exchange rates have promoted exports. Protectionism--especially in imports like rice--have supported social stability and quality of incomes. Governments in the region have assigned human rights a low priority. But there are signs that social progress is following economic progress in some countries.

Because of its large size, China is a special case. A rush toward economic liberalization has contributed to astonishing and probably unsustainable rates of economic growth and a quick decline in poverty. This progress has been achieved under tight political control, with no concessions to human rights or to the rights of workers.

The countries of South Asia have generally survived the shocks of the oil and debt crises. Nevertheless, they still need to create huge numbers of jobs because more and more women are joining the labor force. Even though many workers in rural areas are moving to cities, employment in agriculture may grow. Meanwhile, governments are reducing restrictions on labor markets to enable many enterprises to become more competitive.

The employment crises in some regions are often the result of government incentives that have distorted the job market and of inadequate government institutions. Some countries, for example, have promoted capital investment, when labor-intensive investments would have been more appropriate.

Another source of employment crises is imprudent government borrowing. Excessive borrowing fuels inflation, and some attempts to curb inflation bring recession.

Meanwhile, monetary restraints in the industrial countries have brought growth to a halt. When growth stopped, the industrial countries cut back on imports, hurting the economies of many countries, particulary ones that export commodities. In an attempt to limit domestic borrowing, governments of the OECD countries raised their interest rates. As a result, interest

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rates rose everywhere, putting a particularly great burden on the heavily indebted developing countries.

Impact of Unemployment

The painful experience of the Great Depression and the economic decline that led to World War II caused the founders of the United Nations to identify full employment as one of the main pillars of international peace, stability and well-being. But today, the goal of full employment seems to be all but forgotten.

"Jobless growth" is a new phenomenon. Elimination of jobs is now considered an important measure to increase competitiveness. In some of the richest countries, structural unemployment has recently reached record levels.

Three and four decades ago, a normal unemployment rate was between 3 percent and 4 percent. Today, a normal rate exceeds 12 percent. Now it is common to see high unemployment and low wages.

In the past, economists considered unemployment a temporary problem that would be resolved by market forces. But today, this is no longer the case. Instead, market forces are leading to permanent job cuts. The profit-making philosophy of today is that workers should be fired if their termination has no effect on prbduction and sales. New technologies enable companies to produce more goods with fewer workers. Therefore, businesses are posting gains by paring back the workforce. Because of this trend, corporate profits are rising while wages as a percentage of national incomes are falling.

Recommendations

* All governments should commit themselves to full utilization of human resources. Full employment should be the central goal of all economic and social policy. Social integration and the eradication of poverty depend on the expansion of productive and remunerative work, including wage employment, self-employment and employment in cooperative enterprises.

* Governments should explore all alternatives for ensuring full employment with macroeconomic stability. This means that full employment takes precedence as an objective in policy formulation.

* Countries need an international economic "enabling environment" to attain goals for expanding productive employment. The main elements for creating this environment include:

- a pledge by industrial countries to coordinate macroeconomic policies to ensure a minimum overall growth rate of between 3 percent and 3.5 percent.

- a dismantling of protectionist policies in OECD countries.

- exclusive allocation of official development assistance to the poorest countries that demonstrate effective use of resources and economic growth with social and gender equity.

- a reduction in the debt burden of the developing countries, especially the poorest ones. This should include forgiveness of officially held debt.

- trade reform in developing countries to promote international commerce and boost trade and investment among developing countries.

- a small tax on international capital movement to help reduce fluctuations in exchange rates stemming from speculative capital movement. The proceeds could fund environmental protection, increased development assistance and debt reduction.

* Investment should rise to promote higher growth in developed and developing countries. But investment must be backed by a high rate of domestic savings and highly productive capital. The goal is to have employment-friendly growth. A system for reaching this goal includes:

  - a foreign trade regime that adopts careful support for infant industries but avoids over-valuation of exchange rates, discrimination against imports, and dependence of import quotas.

  - a pricing system that provides reasonable indicators of scarcities and is free of arbitrary controls.

  - an economic environment that encourages foreign investment.

  - special actions to help sub-Saharan Africa. These actions include building up human capital, improving food production and distribution, establishing a base for export earnings, and diversifying economies.

* Governments should intervene in labor markets only to make them more efficient and responsive to the needs of the economy. Workers should have access to social protection and everyone should have access to basic education.

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Governments should emphasize higher education that is of high quality and provides students with technical skills to aid countries' science-led sustainable development. And, all governments must guarantee certain human rights, such as the protection of children by making child labor unnecessary and illegal, freedom from forced labor, and unrestricted organization of workers. Minimum-wage laws that do not overprice labor should be put in place.

* Government policies must be designed to unleash people's creativity and energy and enable them to become self-employed or entrepreneurs. This means:

  - Increased access to education.

  - Access to resources such as land and credit.

  - Reduction in regulations that impede entrepreneurship.

  - Improved infrastructure, particulary that which enables the working poor and small-scale entrepreneurs to raise their productivity and earnings.

  - Improved access by the agricultural sector to productive resources. This sector will have to absorb a significant proportion of the growing labor force. Improved access by the working poor to land would also help boost employment and labor productivity.

SOCIAL INTEGRATION

Another group of the Stockholm Roundtable participants looked into the issues of social disintegration and ethnic conflicts and considered strategies for making societies more cohesive.

The social fabric of most countries--rich and poor--is weakening. As a result, some nation-states are disintegrating.

People are increasingly abandoning established social values, and a highly materialistic global culture is evolving. A value of competition is replacing values of sharing and cooperation. The pursuit of happiness is more and more defined in terms of money and consumerism.

Ethnic, tribal, religious an cultural differences are polarizing groups within nations. The list of causes and effects of growing social instability is long. It includes discrimination against minorities, inferior status of women, increasing numbers of single-parent households, poorly educated children, juvenile delinquency, drug addiction, disease and crime. These problems easily travel the globe.

Patterns of Social Integration

In a normative sense, social integration refers to improved living standards, social justice and harmonious relations between people. In an analytical sense, social integration refers to patterns of interaction between individuals and groups (these patterns may be unjust or equitable, conflictual or harmonious). But however it is defined, social integration takes place in a framework of institutions, such as families, communities, the workplace, or states. Furthermore, social integration is deeply embedded in the social, political, and economic processes and structures of societies, nations, and global systems. Therefore, dominant trends in society, politics, economy, technology and culture influence the patterns of social integration.

Put simply, social integration is the degree of real harmony (real means freely chosen, not imposed) that exists between groups in a society. Social disintegration is the degree of negative tension between groups. These groups can be workers and employers, men and women, poor and rich, old and young, black and white or the governed and the governing.

Many forces have influenced social integration. These include the spread of liberal democracy, the dominance of markets, the acceleration of economic globalization, the change in productions systems and labour markets, technological progress and the revolution in the mass media and communications.

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The past decade has been characterized by widespread slow growth, economic stagnation, or debt crises and sharp declines in production, incomes, employment and living standards. These changes have deeply influenced integration through their impact on the role, responsibilities and capacities of institutions ranging from the family to the state.

Social fabrics are under stress. Families and communities are disintegrating, crime and violence are spreading, drugs and alcohol are being consumed by an increasing number of people, and homelessness, child labor, and prostitution are becoming commonplace. Fundamentalism, xenophobia and racism are on the rise. Ethnic conflicts are growing. Organized crime is taking over many markets. The extreme cases of social disintegration are in a growing number of countries that are suffering from prolonged civil strife. In these countries, infrastructure is collapsing and millions of people are losing their livelihoods. Entire populations are being uprooted. Communities and other institutions are disappearing. The ultimate tragedy is the total collapse of the state and all established institutional authority. The result is an environment of chaos and misery.

In general, the world is characterized by growing unemployment, poverty and inequality; worsening ethnic strife and tensions between groups in society; mounting religious fundamentalism and intolerance; and increasing numbers of uprooted people. A vicious circle is becoming all too familiar: falling gross domestic product, which leads to growing poverty and unemployment, which results in social disintegration, which turns into violence, crime, and religious extremism, which further cuts into gross domestic product.

Progress toward social harmony, solidarity and equality can only be achieved by far-reaching socio-economic and political reform. There are no simple or easy solutions. Reform will be slow and difficult and will require a determined effort by individuals, organizations and social groups.

Recommendations

* In most cases, the initiative for reform must come from within countries but must receive international support. In Africa, for example, some countries require a national and regional "shock" to restructure economies, diversify exports, increase savings and investment rates, or lower fertility rates.

* There are cases where an outside initiative must come first, but this shock should be accompanied whenever possible by national action. This has been the case, for instance, in Central America.

* In some cases, there should be a political shock rather than an economic one. And, external and internal changes must be realized simultaneously. One illustration is the Israeli-Palestinian issue. Another is the dissolution of the former Soviet Union.

* The management of expectations and pluralism is crucial. This is particularly applicable wherever expectations have been suppressed for a long time, as in South Africa. The only viable option in such a case is to set clear intermediate targets. These must be met at any price, so that the people experience progress toward the realization of their expectations and continue to support reforms.

* Managing expectations and pluralism is essential. This is particularly true where expectations have been suppressed for a long time, as in South Africa. The only option is to set clear intermediate targets, which must be met.

* The most fundamental change must come from the heart and the mind. We must become more tolerant and respectful, show more solidarity with one another, and halt violence. Respect for human rights, freedom of expression and association, and true justice are the cornerstone of stable societies.

* Countries must develop or procure the skills to manage complex economic and political problems. Care must be taken in hiring foreign experts, who must be highly sensitive and observant.

* Promoting a flourishing civil society will help guarantee democracy and citizens' social and economic rights.

* Institutional reforms at the grassroots, national and international levels are needed to respond to today's complex and overwhelming social problems.

* Discrimination against women must stop. This discrimination is morally wrong but is also a waste of resources.

* Governments should use public policies to promote solidarity and tolerance in multicultural societies. These policies include devolution of power, electoral reforms, and respect for different cultures, languages, and religions.

* Everyone needs to join forces to nurture an ethos and culture of world citizenship. Educational institutions, media and individuals all have responsibilities to expand our moral horizons to include values of solidarity, tolerance and partnership.

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* Sometimes harmony may not lead to change. Conflict can therefore be an impetus for positive change.

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HUMAN SECURITY

One of the main goals of the Stockholm Roundtable was to contribute ideas and recommendations to the World Summit for Social Development, which will focus on three topics covered in this report: poverty, unemployment and social disintegration. But the Stockholm Roundtable discussed other issues as well. One of these issues was human security.

This issue included security and its multiple dimensions, the changing concept of security, a new paradigm for development and policies to put people first.

The end of the 20th century is near. The new century will mark the end of an era of two world wars and a political conflict that divided the globe for nearly 50 years.

The ineffectiveness of the League of Nations after World War I and the eruption of another world war two decades later highlighted the necessity for an international organization that could ensure international security.

When the United Nations was established in 1945, its charter noted that international peace could be achieved only if human security could be guaranteed for all. Therefore, one of the major goals of the United nations was to foster peace by promoting social progress and higher standards of living in an environment of freedom.

International security has many components. It involves political and human security, which are indivisible. The world cannot be secure unless people are secure in their homes, their jobs and their communities.

During the Cold War, security meant mainly military and political security. The threat of armed conflict between East and West shaped this concept during that period. States sought weapons to protect their security.

Now that the Cold War is over, a new definition of security is needed--a definition that sees peace growing out of development.

Therefore, the international community must return to the original aims of the United Nations charter. The preamble of the charter begins with the words, "We the people." We must put people at the center of all our concerns for the future. Our actions must be responsive to the social and economic needs of people.

In the final analysis, human security boils down to development of people, by the people, for the people.

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Sustainable Human Development

Lasting peace and human security depend on sustainable human development. Sustainable human development is development that not only generates economic growth but distributes its benefits equitably. It regenerates the environment instead of destroying it. It empowers people rather than marginalizing them. It give priority to the poor, enlarging their choices and opportunities and providing for their participation in decisions that affect them. It's development that is pro-poor, pro-nature, pro-jobs and pro-women.

The world today can be appropriately described as a disaster machine which is fueled by underdevelopment. But regardless of how large the role of underdevelopment in the world's ills, sustainable human development is surely a major ingredient of the cure.

Recommendations

* The goal of the World Summit for Social Development should be to initiate the preparation of fresh blueprints for national and global social contracts that will help achieve acceptable standards of human dignity and well-being. At the national level, this could mean a renewal of the contract between the state and the people to put people first. At the international level, this could mean a renewed commitment to key goals of the United Nations charter: higher standards of living, full employment, social progress and larger freedom.

* The summit should be used as an opportunity to reconsider the roles of the state and the market and the traditional ideas of social safety nets.

* Delegates at the summit should strive for a new declaration of human responsibilities, not just a declaration of human rights. They should also strive for a new system for monitoring progress in maintaining these responsibilities.

* Delegates at the summit should forge a compact in which nations agree to prepare their own strategies to reduce poverty. These strategies should empower people and increase opportunities for productive employment. The nationally developed strategies should become the basis for assistance from aid donors.

* Delegates should recognize the role of civil society and the media in empowering people.

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* People should have access to certain types of information as a tool for social change. This information includes national statistics on military spending and the arms trade and details about World Bank-International Monetary Fund lending.

* Delegates at the summit should note the need for an "early-warning system" to identify potential cases of social disintegration. But such a system would be worthless unless the international community can agree on how to respond to the system's alarms. But no matter what, the international community must replace the present system of ad hoc interventions with a standard, universal system for intervention.

* Structural adjustment programs must be changed so they protect human security. Social spending should be the last thing to be cut. Subsidies for the rich should be cut before subsidies for the poor. Delegates at the summit should call for a new "social conditionality" and endorse the idea of "human adjustment loans" by international financial institutions to protect the poor during periods of economic transition.

* Delegates must also recognize the need for structural adjustment in the industrial countries.

* Delegates must appeal to the world community to stop mindless investments in arms to judicious investments in people. A global compact could be negotiated to include a 3 percent annual reduction in military spending, a three-year phase-out in military assistance and subsidies to arms exporters, conversion of must arms industries into civilian purposes over a 10-year period, and a ban on shipment of sophisticated arms to poor nations.

* Rename the summit the "People's Summit."

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GOVERNANCE

Another topic discussed at the Stockholm Roundtable was the role of governance and cooperation in promoting a better society.

New Role of Governments

Up to the middle of the 20th century, most development experts believed that development required an active role for government in boosting the productive sectors, establishing enterprises, subsidizing the private sector, and protecting some industries. These policies resulted in economic growth but failed to improve living standards.

Today, most experts believe that governments should intervene less in areas where markets work efficiently and intervene more where markets cannot be relied upon. This shift does not necessarily mean less governance. It means different or better governance.

In a market-driven economy, governments have the role of creatively and sensitively facilitating, regulating and monitoring growth. Governments should therefore be a hub for a network of social partners who interact for the purpose of policy formulation and implementation.

Government plays a catalytic role in strengthening the knowledge base of a country by improving education and training and stimulating research and development. Government also has an important role in encouraging growth of small businesses, diffusing entrepreneurial skills throughout an economy, and supporting people's participation in the economy.

And in the area of international trade, governments have to improve access for their countries' exports.

Meanwhile, emerging social problems require action by governments--nationally, regionally and internationally.

Finally, governments are responsible for helping their citizens reach their full potential.

Role of the People

The public's participation is necessary for finding policies that encourage global sharing and reduce inequities between groups are essential.

When people feel that governments are responding to their needs, governments will be able to build a more effective system

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of global governance that will be in a position to take on the challenge of achieving a balance between growth and the fair distribution of wealth.

People are expecting and demanding a more direct role in development decisions and in the international, regional and national institutions in charge of development. In fact, non-governmental organizations are already playing a greater role in the United Nations.

The quest for social innovation presents enormous challenges to development organizations and "knowledge-based institutions." How can they build a global partnership of knowledge and increase developing countries' capacity to participate in decisions? Using knowledge requires people to assume ownership of it.

Disaggregated information flowing around the globe at unprecedented levels is aiding rapid globalization. Therefore, it is imperative for each country to harmonize its interests with others and to gain access to the most current information.

Reorientation of Policies

An important lesson learned from East Asia's success is that lower inequality is not only a corollary but an important contributor to economic growth.

Higher incomes for the poor means they can afford to save and invest, leading to greater human development and higher productivity and growth.

Lowering inequality can stimulate growth by improving social mobility, increase domestic multiplier effects, promote macroeconomic stability, and increase political stability.

A New Framework for Development Cooperation

Now that the Cold War is over, we have an opportunity to replace ideological competition with a new spirit of solidarity and cooperation. We must be careful to avoid a new global divide--between North and South.

Instead of approaching international relations in terms of conflicts between states, we should see them in terms of resolving global problems as people, not as citizens of states. A new framework should be based on the mutual interests of people.

Lessons of Experience

Countries performing the best are the ones that have given priority to the development of human resources: education and health care for both men and women and the disadvantaged.

Development requires investments which require savings and which can be supplemented by aid. Welfare can be extended and maintained only where there is economic growth. And if economic growth is to result in increased welfare for all groups, the economic growth must be redistributed. Aid is no substitute for economic growth in eliminating poverty or improving welfare.

Aid can be extremely important for some countries. But aid--except in emergency situations--should focus on long-term development goals and be supplemented by countries' public and private resources which could be raised through domestic savings. Sufficient capital flows can be created only if resource mobilization is mutual and if private investment is stimulated.

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Resource flows to developing countries are increasingly inadequate. Donors need to make an unambiguous commitment to human development and economic transformation. Part of this commitment might involve earmarking 20 percent of official development assistance for human development programs.

UNDP and UNICEF have proposed a "20:20" proposal, which calls for 20 percent of official development assistance and 20 percent of developing countries' budgets to be allocated to "human priority needs." These needs include primary education, primary health care, basic water and sanitation, nutrition and family planning. This proposal is still being developed.

Some proponents of the proposal believe that it should be seen as only as one important part of a renewed commitment to social development. Others say the 20 percent target should be only a baseline for assistance, not as a minimum expenditure.

Redirection of Aid Policies

A fundamental reassessment of aid policies to support human development is overdue. "Tying" aid to structural adjustment has been counterproductive.

External resources would have a greater impact on development if supported improvements in human conditions and national efforts aimed at democratization, popular participation and transparency and accountability in governance. Donors should make a dramatic shift in international development cooperation to begin channeling resources directly to the people and their organizations, educational institutions, "watchdog" groups, and

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other institutions.

Reinforcing International Cooperation

The present system of international cooperation is a patchwork of disparate actions dominated by humanitarian and emergency relief. Monetary cooperation has been handed over to an unregulated market that has no responsibility for a stable world economy.

The North-South axis of wealth and poverty is changing. Indeed, the entire concept of North and South obscures the true meaning of development. A more accurate description of the world today would be a geographically heterogeneous axis of the "included" and the "excluded." The entire language of development needs to be modified.

International development organizations will become irrelevant unless they move quickly beyond their current and narrow preoccupation with demonstrating their own effectiveness.

United Nations: Back to Basics

The United Nations has a critical role to play in promoting social development. Reforming and renewing major international development organizations--the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions--must be a priority for the World Summit for Social Development.

The international community must sharpen, clarify and establish priorities for the United Nations' socio-economic agenda (other regional and specialized agencies may be better-situated to handle some issues). Coordination of multilateral field activities is essential, and the growth and involvement of non-governmental organizations development is also important. These organizations are a vehicle for the United Nations to build constituencies in many parts of the world.

An equally important goal for change is to have the major economic powers assume the burden of helping the world's less fortunate people. The United States demonstrated its ability to mobilize international cooperation at the time of the Gulf War. The United States must now show equal resolve to mobilize the North to resolve the problems that plague both the North and the South. The United Nations has fallen into disarray and needs leadership from the United States. One aspect of this leadership is the payment of delinquent financial support for the United Nations.

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Recommendations

* The World Summit for Social Development should give the Secretary-General of the United Nations a mandate to set up a blue-ribbon commission to establish a framework for development in the 21st century. The commission should review the potential for redirecting aid toward specific global objectives, changing the motivations and levels of future assistance, broadening the scope of development cooperation to include trade, investment, technology, and labor. Meanwhile, the international community should consider new methods for raising funds (e.g., the "Tobin tax, environmental permits and taxes on the arms trade) and for restructuring the United Nations in social and economic areas.

* The United Nations needs a high-level decision-making body to handle issues of social and economic security. Some possibilities include restructuring ECOSOC or creating an Economic Security Council. The Bretton Woods institutions should work under the direction of one of these new social and economic security bodies.

* The World Summit for Social Development should set up a small (maximum 20 members) advisory group to permanently monitor global progress on social development. The group's annual report should cover progress by governments, transnationals, non-governmental organizations and other institutions.

* The summit should endorse a 20:20 global compact (described earlier) as a first step in a comprehensive attack on global poverty.

THE MEDIA'S PERSPECTIVE

The participants of the Stockholm Roundtable also considered the role of the mass media in aiding development and promoting social cohesion.

A panel of journalists criticized the media for succumbing to commercial and entertainment values and for their growing addiction to sensationalism and violence.

Still, journalists play an important role in alerting the world to crises such as starvation and genocide. The central mission of the media should be to discover and publish the news, no matter who may find it unpleasant or threatening to their own interests. Journalists must remain independent and critical to serve the public interest.

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HOPES AND FEARS OF YOUTH

A group of young people--mostly university students--participated in a panel discussion at the roundtable to discuss their views on development and the goals for the World Summit for Social Development.

The youth of today are the most promising foundation for our common future. Therefore, including youth in decision-making is critical in reaching our goal of human security.

Youth are vulnerable to instability and conflict. They are the first to suffer the effects of poverty, unemployment and social cohesion. They lack opportunities, representation, jobs and rights. At the same time, youth are an increasingly destructive force in societies around the world.

International organizations, governments and communities have a responsibility to face the challenges posed by today's youth. Yet, youth themselves must be agents of positive change and promote concrete grassroots solutions to the world's problems.

Managing social change requires the international community to tap into the energy, idealism, entrepreneurial spirit and intellectual contributions of youth.

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ANNEX I

Agenda: Stockholm Roundtable
Speakers and Panelists
22-24 July 1994

Friday, July 22

INTRODUCTION

Opening Address: **Alf Svensson**, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Human Rights Issues of Sweden

Message to Plenary: By **Boutros Boutros-Ghali**, Secretary-General of the United Nations. Message delivered by **Ismat T. Kittani**, Under-Secretary-General, Senior Political Adviser, United Nations

Welcome Address: **James Gustave Speth**, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Statements: **Samuel R. Insanally**, President of the General Assembly, United Nations
Juan Somavia, Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the World Summit for Social Development
Helle Degn, Minister for Development Cooperation, Denmark

PLENARY SESSION I — Topic: Global Social Development Issues

Panel Discussion: **Princess Basma Bint Talal**, President, the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (Panel Chairperson)
Lourdes Arizpe, Assistant Director-General, Sector of Culture, UNESCO
Louis Emmerij, Special Adviser to the President of the Inter-American Development Bank
Mahbub ul Haq, Special Adviser to the Administrator, United Nations Development Programme
Carl Tham, Director-General, Swedish International Development Agency
David Turnham, Development Centre, OECD

KEYNOTE ADDRESS — **Robert S. McNamara**, Former President of

the World Bank.

PLENARY SESSION II — Topic: Action Agenda for a Better Global Society

Panel Discussion:

Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, Executive Secretary, Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (Panel Chairperson)
Y. Seyyid Abdulai, Director-General OPEC Fund for International Development
Kwang Soo Choi, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea
Ella Cisneros, President, Together Foundation for Global Unity, Venezuela
Hazel Henderson, Self-Employed Global Futures Researcher, author
Mats Karlsson, Foreign Policy Adviser, Social Democratic Parliamentary Group, Sweden
Caroline Moser, Senior Urban Policy Analyst, The World Bank
Frances Stewart, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Oxford University
Ben Turok, Director, Institute for African Alternatives, South Africa

Saturday, July 23

PLENARY SESSION III — Topic: Building Blocks of Human Security--From Rio to Istanbul

Panel Discussion:

Ismat T. Kittani, Under-Secretary-General, Senior Political Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (Panel Chairperson)
Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, United Nations
Gertrude Mongella, Secretary-General, World Conference on Women, United Nations
Wally N'Dow, Secretary-General of HABITAT-II, United Nations
Nafis Sadik, Executive Director, UNFPA

KEYNOTE ADDRESS — **Margaret Catley-Carlson**, President, the Population Council

PLENARY SESSION IV — Topic: Prospects for Global Human Security

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Panel Discussion:

Ide Oumarou, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Niger; Former Secretary-General of the Organization for African Unity (Panel Chairperson)
Alicia Barcena, Executive Director, the Earth Council, Costa Rica
Hernando de Soto, Chairman, Instituto Libertad y Democracia, Lima, Peru
Qian Jiadong, Ambassador, China Center for International Affairs
Lawrence Klein, Nobel Laureate, Professor of Economics and Finance, University of Pennsylvania
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Wangari Maathai, Coordinator, the Green Belt Movement, Nairobi
Federico Mayor, Director-General, UNESCO
Olara Otunnu, President, International Peace Academy, New York; Former Minister of the Republic of Uganda
John W. Sewell, President, Overseas Development Council, Washington

Sunday, July 24

PLENARY SESSION V — Topic: The Future--Hopes and Fears of the Youth

Panel Discussion:

Miguel de Paladella, Vice President, AIESEC International (Panel Chairperson)
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	Robert Zangrillo, Stanford University
Video Presentation:	"Human Face of Security," by **Maria Figueroa** (et al.), Research Assistant, Development Study Programme, UNDP; Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship, Tufts University
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PLENARY SESSION VI	Topic: Social Cohesion--The Media's Perspective
Panel Discussion:	**Leonard Silk**, Former Economics Columnist of the New York Times (Panel Chairperson) **Hans Bergstrom**, Political Editor, Dagens Nyheter **Brij Khindaria**, Committee Member, Society for International Development **Geoffrey Lean**, Environmental Correspondent, Independent on Sunday **Flora Lewis**, Senior Columnist, New York Times **Charles William Maynes**, Editor, Foreign Policy **Benjamin Pogrund**, The Independent, London **Barbara Pyle**, Vice President, Turner Broadcasting **Eric Rouleau**, Former Political Columnist, Le Monde; Ambassador of France
Video Presentation:	**Barbara Pyle**, Vice President, Turner Broadcasting
CONCLUDING SESSION	
Statement:	**James Gustave Speth**, Administrator, UNDP
Reports from Working Groups:	Group I: Mahbub ul-Haq Group II: Lourdes Arizpe Group III: Solita Monsod Group IV: Louis Emmerij Group V: Carl Tham

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(Note: See Annex II for topics of each working group.)

Epilogue on Social Change:

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Talat Sait Halman, Former Minister of Culture, Turkey

ANNEX II

Working Group Sessions

The following working groups met each day between plenary sessions:

Group I: Topic: Human Security
Chair: **Mahbub ul Haq**, Special Adviser to the Administrator, UNDP

Group II: Topic: Poverty Alleviation
Chair: **Lourdes Arizpe**, Assistant Director-General, Sector of Culture, UNESCO

Group III: Topic: Employment
Chair: **Solita Monsod**, Professor of Economics, University of the Philippines

Group IV: Topic: Social Integration
Chair: **Louis Emmerij**, Special Adviser to the President, Inter-American Development Bank

Group V: Topic: Cooperation and Governance
Chair: **Carl Tham**, Director-General, Swedish International Development Agency

ANNEX III

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